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Approved for use, through 3/31/2007. OMB 0651-0021 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 1182.012/3601PTUS DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) U.S. APPLICATION NO. DAMES OF CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2003/007431 INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 09 JULY 2003 PRIORITY DATE 11 JULY 2002 TITLE OF INVENTION INJECTOR FOR METAL MELTING FURNACES APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US VECCHIET, Fabio etaし Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: 1. Mail This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. The US has been elected (Article 31). 4. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)) ☐ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). A has been communicated by the International Bureau. b. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. ⊠ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. is attached hereto. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)) are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). have been communicated by the International Bureau. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. have not been made and will not be made. 8. 🔲 An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. 🔲 An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)). Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information 11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12.
An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. A preliminary amendment. 14. An application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. 15. A substitute specification.

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U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR | INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER PCT/EP2003/007431 1182.012/3601PTUS 21. The following fees are submitted: Applicant use Office use only \$300.00 \$200.00 \$500.00 **TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =** \$1000.00 \$ \$1,000.00 Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof. **Total Sheets** Extra Sheets RATE Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole \$ - 100 = /50 = \$250.00 \$0.00 Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 \$ months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)). NUMBER FILED **NUMBER EXTRA** RATE **CLAIMS** Total claims 35 15 - 20 = X \$50.00 \$ \$750.00 Independent claims 0 2 - 3 = \$200.00 \$ \$0.00 X Multiple Dependent Claims (if applicable) + \$360.00 \$ \$ \$1,750.00 TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are \$ \$0.00 reduced by 1/2. \$1,750.00 SUBTOTAL \$ Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)). \$ \$ \$1,750.00 **TOTAL NATIONAL FEE** = Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per \$ \$1,750.00 **TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =** Amount to be refunded: \$ \$ Amount to be charged: to cover the above fees is enclosed. a. A check in the amount of b. Please charge my Deposit Account to cover the above fees. in the amount of A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. c. X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50,0734 . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. Fees are to be charged to a credit card. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card Information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. d. 🔯 NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status. SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: Richard L. Sampson Sampson & Associates, P.C. SIGNATURE **50 Congress Street** Boston, MA 02109 10 JAN 2005 Richard L. Sampson NAME 37,231 **REGISTRATION NUMBER**

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY "EXPRESS MAIL" (37 CFR 1.10 Docket No. VECCHIET, Fabio et al Applicant(s): 1182.0½/3601PTUS Application No. Filing Date Customer No. Examiner **Group Art Unit** 25,779 INJECTOR FOR METAL MELTING FURNACES Invention: I hereby certify that the following correspondence: Transmittal Letter To The United States Patent and Trademark Office; Credit Card Payment Form; Preliminary Amendment (5); and Acknowledgement Postcard. (Identify type of correspondence) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on 16 JAWANY 2005 Richard L. Sampson (Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence) (Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence) ED 471539528 US ("Express Mail" Mailing Label Number) Note: Each paper must have its own certificate of mailing.